

SPRING POLLUTED AT LOVERS' LANE

Petroleum Mystery Agitates
Many of the Visitors.

CASE FOR THE OIL EXPERTS

Flow Has Increased in Volume Without
Apparent Cause—The General
Opinion.

The famous spring at the Massachusetts avenue end of Lovers' lane has become polluted, and general resort is being expressed. This spring is to Georgetown and the Naval Observatory what the K street spring is to Washingtonians.

A reporter for The Times investigated the conditions, and traced the cause to a rivulet which comes from the Clifton property, and which had suddenly increased tenfold in volume. This stream passes into a culvert where the path from Massachusetts avenue joins Lovers' lane, and flows out on the other side of the pathway at the corner where the cross gorge of the main Clifton stream meets the Rock creek gorge. The spot is picturesque, for the height is about eighty feet, and the upper part is a tangled mass of vines and the most varied tree forms, and strangers visiting Georgetown are taken to see it, and are looked upon coldly if they do not admire it enthusiastically. Now it has an added charm, for the strong volume of falling water roars as it falls with a deep sound worthy of an actual cataract.

Followed the Rivulet.

The reporter followed the rivulet as far as it was visible, and found that the water flowed from a culvert placed at the very bottom of the bed of the road which the observatory built for the owner of the Clifton property. It is said that this was set off for the right of way which the observatory people claimed through the Clifton land to Georgetown. It is in the bed of the road which literally there is no other way. The owner of the Clifton property complained that every man, woman, and child, every dog, cat, pony, and donkey on the observatory swarmed over Clifton by night and by day, and that he was tired of it. To which rumor says that Admiral Chester replied in a letter of the utmost courtesy, in which he denied all the allegations about the men, women, and children, dogs and donkeys.

In the second place he claimed the right of way. The owner of Clifton was not mollified by the building of the road, which only extended a part of the way, and the sweep in front of his house, and so he never finished it. Now there must be open war, for it seems to be clear from the increased volume of water that something has happened owing to the very remarkable rains that have prevailed. Some secret reservoir has been filled up, and the stream that fed it is pouring into the culvert which is between the observatory ground and the Clifton property. How the petroleum got into it is a mystery, for it can hardly be a natural spring of oil that has suddenly revealed itself.

Difference in Sign Marks.

The rock underlying the gravel is shale with masses of basalt, whereas the signmark of petroleum is porous sandstone. If, however, this proves to be an exceptional case, then it is to be hoped that it will be proved to belong to the observatory, for then the Navy Department will have another bureau, that of petroleum mining.

The men who in the oil regions are proverbially huskies, and this will enable the Navy Department baseball team to strengthen itself in time for its contest with the aspiring Aggies.

HOESTER FUNERAL WILL BE THIS AFTERNOON

Funeral services for August Hoester will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from his late home, 225 M street northwest. Burial will be made in Prospect Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Hoester died Wednesday evening at his home after a long illness. Until a little more than a year ago, Mr. Hoester had been an employee of the bureau of statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor, a position which he had held since June 9, 1903.

Mr. Hoester is survived by his second wife, Mrs. Margaret Helen Hoester. His first wife, who was a daughter of Adolph Maria-Macdel, a noted engraver, died some years ago.

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LOVERS' LANE SPRING.

A Stream From Adjoining Property Has Suddenly Increased in Volume and
Overflows Into the Spring.

FLOUR TRADE WITH CHINA IN NORMAL CONDITION

Smuggling of Morphia With Shipments
Has Been Well Handled by
the Authorities.

The flour trade with China, which was interrupted some time ago because of the attempt to smuggle morphia in a flour shipment from Hongkong to Amoy, has resumed its normal condition.

Quite a number of deaths followed the smuggling of the drug into Amoy and the up-country districts. In a report to the State Department on the smuggling of morphia in flour and its effect on the flour producers of the United States, Consul Anderson says:

"Flour imports at Amoy are about normal at the present time, and similar reports come from Swatow and other affected ports. In this connection it is to be hoped that something will be done to stop the smuggling of morphia, the dangerous nature of which practice, aside from its relation to the customs revenue and the criminal code, is to be found in this case of flour poisoned by the drug hidden in it."

"The smuggling of this morphia, in which trade Americans can have no part, has cost the flour producers of the United States more than the morphia is worth. In view of recent disastrous results, however, it is probable that there will be no more attempts to smuggle morphia in flour for some time to come."

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difficulties of
maintaining
a mail
service in the
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section of
the United
States'
northernmost
possession

The Legs of the Honorable Cat



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tered justice to
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How a West
African native who
had been edu-
cated as a Christian
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University
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of the wild and
relapsed into
barbarism and
polygamy



Senator Depew Explains

Gillilan drifts over to New York and gets some "New Ones" from the great after-dinner orator while interviewing him on the subject of "The Execrable" and "Fibs and Phantoms."

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On the Gallows for Another Man's Crime

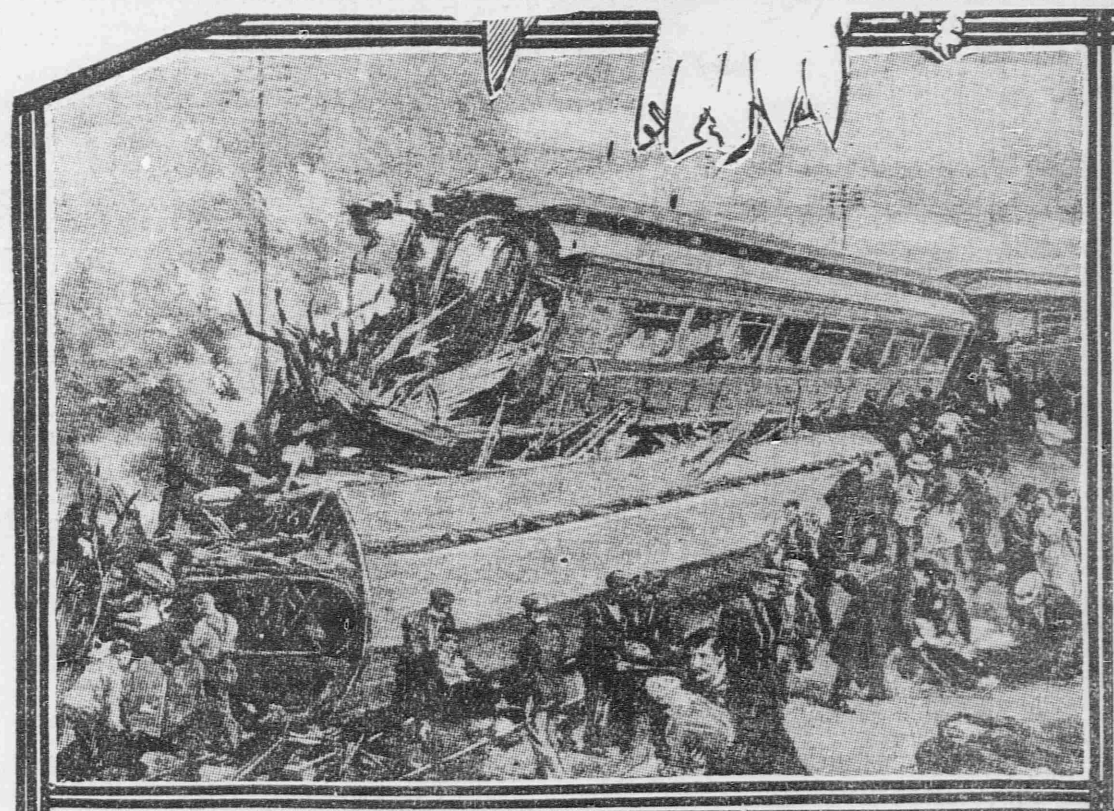
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Tomorrow's Washington Sunday Times